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For : **DETECTION APPARATUS, SCANNING
APPARATUS, CONFOCAL MICROSCOPE
FOR THE OPTICAL DETECTION OF AN
OBJECT AND METHOD FOR OPERATING
A DETECTION APPARATUS**

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